

ing just who the candidates for the Democratic nomination to the United States are. I know for a fact that opponents of Mr. Goldstein appear to spend most of their time attacking either me or Senator Brewster or someone other than Lou. I recall that, at the outset of the current campaign, Louis Goldstein's opponent attempted to characterize him as the captive candidate of Governor Tawes and Senator Brewster. Then, of course, they began reading some of the remarks that Lou Goldstein made in reference to a certain program that was recently passed by the General Assembly and the "captive candidate" issue suddenly passed into limbo.

Personally, I know of only one person who has effectively "captured" Lou Goldstein and that, of course, is his lovely wife, Hazel.

Not long ago, Blair Lee, who ran for the Democratic nomination to the United States Senate in 1962, issued a statement in support of Louis Goldstein's candidacy for the U. S. Senate. In that statement, Mr. Lee said that Louis Goldstein is "as independent as a hog on ice." Well, I'm one person in Maryland tonight who can vouch for that fact. Louis Goldstein not only is as independent as a hog on ice but there are times when he is as stubborn as a mule.

I'll admit that there have been times when I have been tempted to kick him in the slats, but frankly, I respect him as I respect all men who have the courage to stand up for their convictions. His position not only demonstrated his independence and his dedication to his responsibilities but it also effectively destroyed the "captive candidate" issue insofar as his primary opponents are concerned.

Now, I understand, he is the co-leader of a democratic machine. Lou Goldstein and the rest of us in the Democratic Party will have to take some time in getting adjusted to his sudden elevation, after all, it's not often that a captive rises to become chief in approximately 30 days.

Frankly, I am always a bit perplexed by the fact that some who aspire to leadership within the ranks of the Democratic Party feel it necessary to do so by tearing down the structure of the party that has nurtured them. Every four years or so, we hear or read about a candidate who clamors for "a new era of leadership" and it always seems to me that those who clamor for this new era are the very ones who want to be the leaders. This year, however, the so-called "new era" is accompanied by the same old tired charges all of us have heard before. It is accompanied by the same old worn out cliches and it includes the same general denouncements of other candidates who